THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) DDA has reported that approximately 1400 acres of DDA land is under encroachment/unauthorized occupation by jhuggi jhonpari clusters, unauthorized colonies etc.

(b) DDA has also reported that when any irregularity is reported, action is taken as per DDA conduct rules.

(c) DDA has reported that eviction/demolition programme are carried out from time to time to reclaim the encroached DDA land. During the period from April 2002 to March 2004, DDA has reclaimed 433.98 acres of land.

Water supply in Delhi

2148. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that areas adjoining Delhi are not getting purified drinking water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) to (c) The NCR Planning Board has informed that the States of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have indicated that the areas in the respective
States adjoining Delhi are being supplied with potable drinking water. *f* With a view to augment the existing drinking water supply, the NCR Planning Board has sanctioned loan amounting to Rs. 376.91 crores to the concerned State Governments for 17 drinking water projects in the National Capital Region.

Expenditure on construction of houses

†2149**.** SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure incurred on the co.istruction of houses has been constantly increasing for the past few years;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.